

**In the claims:**

1           1.       A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,  
2 comprising:  
3           reading an identification tag worn by a guest to obtain a tag identifier;  
4           accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and  
5           modifying a sales amount of said item or service from a monetary credits  
6 information stored in a monetary credits data field of said guest data object.

1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein said identification tag comprises a radio  
2 frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1           3.       The method of claim 2, wherein reading said identification tag comprises  
2 using an RFID reader to read said tag identifier from said RFID tag.

1           4.       The method of claim 1, wherein accessing said guest data object  
2 comprises a processor retrieving said guest data object stored in a non-volatile memory.

1           5.       The method of claim 1, wherein deducting said sales amount comprises a  
2 processor modifying said monetary credits information stored in said monetary credits  
3 data field of said guest data object.

1           6.       The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said tag identifier  
2 and said sales amount from a point-of-sale (POS) system to a central server by way of a  
3 communications link.

1           7.       The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2           transmitting information related to said item or service description from said POS  
3 system to said central server by way of said communications link; and  
4           updating a purchases data field of said guest data object with said item or service  
5 description.

1           8.       The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2           transmitting a digital guest photo from said central server to said POS system;  
3    and  
4           transmitting a guest identification confirmation message from said POS system to  
5    said central server if said digital guest photo contains an image of said guest.

1           9.       The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2           transmitting a transaction confirmation from said central server to said POS  
3    system; and  
4           printing sale confirmation information related to said selling of said item or  
5    service on a sheet of paper at said POS system.

1           10.      A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:  
2           a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an identification tag worn by a guest at a  
3    coverage area;  
4           an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be  
5    purchased by said guest;  
6           a network interface to communicate with a central server; and  
7           a processor to cause a transmission of said tag identifier and item or service  
8    information to said central server by way of said network interface.

1           11.      The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said reader  
2    comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader.

1           12.      The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device  
2    comprises a keyboard.

1           13.      The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device  
2    comprises a touch screen input device.



1           23.     A central server to facilitate transactions within a coverage area,  
2 comprising:

3                 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object including a first data field  
4 containing information related to monetary credits;

5                 a network interface to communicate with a point-of-sale (POS) system; and

6                 a processor to receive information related to a guest of said coverage area and  
7 information related to an item or service being purchased, and to modify said monetary  
8 credits information based on a sales price of said item or service.

1           24.     The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further  
2 includes a second data field to contain information related one or more items or services  
3 purchased by said guest, and wherein said processor causes a storing of said information  
4 related to said item or service being purchased into said second data field.

1           25.     The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further  
2 includes a second data field containing information related to a digital photograph of said  
3 guest, and wherein said processor causes a transmission of said guest photograph to said  
4 POS system by way of said network interface.

1           26.     A guest data object stored in a memory comprising a first data field  
2 containing information related to the monetary credits useful for making monetary  
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1           27.     The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field  
2 containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest  
3 within a coverage area.

1           28.     The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field  
2 containing information related to an identify of said guest.

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1           29.     A data structure stored in a memory defining a first data field for  
2 containing information related to monetary credits useful for making monetary  
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1           30.     The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for  
2 containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest  
3 within a coverage area.

1           31.     The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for  
2 containing information related to an identify of said guest.

1           32.     A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,  
2 comprising:  
3           reading information related to monetary credits for purchasing said item or  
4 service within said coverage area from a tag worn by said guest; and  
5           modifying said monetary credits information based on a sales amount of said  
6 item or service.

1           33.     The method of claim 32, wherein said tag further includes information  
2 related to an identity of said guest.

1           34.     The method of claim 32, wherein said tag comprises a radio frequency  
2 identification (RFID) tag.

1           35.     A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:  
2           an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be  
3 purchased by a guest within a coverage area;  
4           a reader/writer to read and modify information related to monetary credits for  
5 making monetary transaction within a coverage area; and  
6           a processor to receive said information related to said item or service to be  
7 purchased and said information related to said monetary credits, and to cause said

8 reader/writer to modify said information related to said monetary credits based on said  
9 information related to said item or service to be purchased.

1 36. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 35, wherein said reader/writer  
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader/writer.

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